

that Pakistan is providing safe havens for terrorists and playing both sides. Terrorist leaders even arrogantly make public appearances in Pakistan, with the knowledge of the government.

When we take action against terrorists in Pakistan, Pakistan officials typically condemn us, rather than take steps to improve counterterrorism efforts.

President Trump and the incoming commander for U.S. forces in Afghanistan hold a realistic view of Pakistan. Pakistan is the problem with success in Afghanistan.

There should be no American money sent to Pakistan until they stop their treacherous ways. Otherwise, the 17-year-old war in Afghanistan may never end.

And that is just the way it is.

STOP SEPARATING FAMILIES

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, there are babies being ripped away from their parents at the southern border in the name of the American people. Make no mistake, this is part of an evil plot by the Trump administration, and it has to stop.

What I want to know is how the Trump administration is keeping track of these children. My triplets didn't carry identification around when they were little babies. That was my wife's and my job, to be able to identify them and speak for them. We were with our kids, and we could identify them.

If these babies don't have identification, how will they be reunited with their parents? How will they be reunited with their families?

The American people demand answers, Mr. Speaker. The American people demand an end to this evil, to this new GOP nonprofit, "Cage the Children."

SIX MONTHS OF TAX REFORM

(Mr. WILLIAMS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to reflect on the past 6 months in this country.

On December 20, 2017, Republicans in Congress passed the most historic tax reform in three decades, known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. That day will long be remembered as a time when American families and businesses were once again made a priority.

As a small-business owner myself, I have spent my time in Congress fighting for tax cuts that would allow Main Street to breathe again.

Small business optimism is at an all-time high across Texas' 25th District. Employers are increasing their workforce and raising wages.

Tax reform has created more than 1 million jobs, which has brought unem-

ployment down to 3.8 percent. That is incredible.

Mr. Speaker, all of this is great, but I want the American people to know that we are not done yet. Congress is not done yet. I am continuing to work to strengthen the economy and make tax cuts permanent.

We will fight year after year to make America more competitive, keep our Tax Code simpler, flatter, and fairer. Business is simply good.

In God we trust.

LGBT PRIDE MONTH

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize LGBT Pride Month, a time to celebrate the diversity of the LGBT community and honor the strength and courage of LGBT people throughout history.

I was thrilled to attend the annual LGBT Pride Fest this past weekend in my home State of Rhode Island, a wonderful celebration that illustrated just how far we have come in the fight for equality.

But the struggle isn't over, Mr. Speaker, and it is more important than ever that we stay strong and vocal. We, as a society, cannot and should not accept that LGBT people face discrimination in this country every day, whether they are in a cake shop, the armed services, or in a school bathroom.

That is why I am proud to cosponsor the Equality Act, which was introduced by my good friend and colleague from the Ocean State, Congressman DAVID CICILLINE, and is cosponsored by 196 of my colleagues.

Discrimination is never justified. Let's celebrate our diversity and promote a culture of tolerance and acceptance, not only during Pride, but every day of the year.

EMERALD COAST WILDLIFE REFUGE

(Mr. GAETZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the outstanding work of the leadership and volunteers at the Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge in my district. The wildlife refuge services thousands of animals each year from Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Bay Counties. They provide services through rescue, rehab, and environmental outreach.

Our community leaders and volunteers have shown overwhelming support for this incredible mission that includes educational outreach so that young people can learn more about our environment and the fantastic critters that we share the planet with.

I am so proud of the wildlife refuge's accomplishments over the past decade,

and I look forward to the future impact that they will have on their new home in the Navarre community and throughout the great northwest Florida.

STOP THE BARBARIC TACTICS

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, last night, Ohio was subjected to another Trump administration ICE worker raid involving rounding up 146 workers at meat processing plants in Salem, Canton, and Massillon, Ohio, making Ohio among the top States in the union where these workers have been poached.

Again, Detroit-based ICE agents swooped into Ohio, fully armed, to round up dozens of workers who toil in one of the least attractive jobs in our Nation, cold, bloody, slippery, and, yes, dangerous, hard jobs in the meat processing industry, jobs U.S. citizens don't want.

My message to President Trump: Stop the barbaric tactics. Stop breaking up working families.

If we don't fix this system, these agricultural jobs will be offshored, and we will be importing even more of our food. Let us set up a dependable system to regularize the hiring of workers. Heartland States like Ohio are capable of creating a level playing field for businesses and workers from our country and abroad.

To take the crime out of seeking employment in the Americas requires amending NAFTA and CAFTA by updating those accords to address continental employment standards.

The President campaigned on reforming NAFTA. Well, Mr. President, we are making you an offer you shouldn't refuse. Show our workers and our companies some respect. We will meet you at any time, at any place to broker a better deal for Ohio and heartland workers.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH). Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

HONORING COACH SAM HARRELL

(Mr. BARTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the new head football coach at Ennis High School, Coach Sam Harrell.

Coach Sam Harrell was born in 1975 in Seminole, Texas. He went to high school in Brownwood, Texas, where he was valedictorian. He became, the first time, the high school coach at Ennis back in 1994. Over the next 15 or 16 years, he won three State championships, went to the semifinals twice, was Texas High School Coach of the Year in 1999, became head of the Texas High School Coaches Association, and was in